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SUBJECT: INDONESIAN CONCERN RE PAPUA BESENA

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1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH POLCOUNS APRIL 17, FONDEPT ASIA PACIFIC DEPUTY AKOSAH STATED THAT GOI IS QUITE CONCERNED OVER PAPUA BESENA INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT (REFTEL). GIVEN HISTORY OF BREAKAWAY MOVEMENTS IN INDONESIA IN EARLY INDEPENDENCE YEARS, GOI BELIEVES PAPUA BESENA MOVEMENT, IN AREA WHERE THERE NOT YET NATIONALIST SENTIMENT, COULD POSE REAL DANGER.

2. AKOSAH SAID THAT AT REQUEST OF FONDEPT PRESIDENT SUHARTO RAISED MATTER BRIEFLY WITH PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM DURING APRIL 2-5 TOWNSVILLE MEETING. WHITLAM SEEMED UNCONCERNED AND TOLD SUHARTO NOT TO WORRY SINCE MATTER COULD BE EASILY HANDLED. HOWEVER, INDONESIANS CONTINUE BE CONCERNED AND FEAR GOA, IN ITS EAGERNESS COMPLETE DECOLONIZATION PROCESS, MAY BE OVER-OPTIMISTIC.
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